be released to them in addition to the sanctioned quota of 30,000 MT for the month of November, 96. They also suggested that the ceiling limit may be increased to 500 MT in case of Roller Flour Mills. Govt. of Maharashtra was allotted 40,000 MT and 60,000 MT of wheat during Nov. and Dec., 1996. In case of Roller Flour Mills, the ceiling has been raised to 500 MT per Roller Flour Mill per month. On 21st Nov., 1996 Govt. of Maharashtra suggested that the Women Cooperative Societies and Consumer Cooperative Societies may be exempted from paying the Earnest Money deposit. This has also been agreed to. The Government of Maharashtra have acknowledged in their Fax dt.21.11.96 that Food Corporation of India had accepted some of their suggestions which would facilitate smooth distribution of wheat in Maharashtra.

[Translation]

Facilities to freedom fighters

3533. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria for and the facilities provided to the freedom fighters by the Centre and State Governments; and

(b) the facilities provided by the Centre/State Governments to the dependents of the freedom fighters after their death?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Freedom Fighters who fulfil the eligibility criteria laid down under the provisions of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme are entitled for the following facilities, besides pension :-

(a) Facility of free Railway passes (Ist Class) for freedom fighters and to their widows/ attendants, for life. (Unmarried/Unemployed daughters are not entitled for this benefit.

(b) Free medical facilities in all Central Government Hospitals and also in the hospitals run by the Public Sector Undertakings under the control of Bureau of Public Enterprises. C.G.H.S. facilities have also been extended to freedom fighters and their dependents.

(c) Facility of General Pool residential accommodation to freedom fighters of All India Standing for the purpose of medical treatment in Delhi if they do not own any house/flat in their names or in the name of any of their family members/dependents in Delhi/New Delhi. (Dependents of deceased freedom fighter pensioners are not entitled for this benefit.)

(d) Accommodation in the Freedom fighters Home set up at Baba Kharag Singh Marg, New Delhi for such of the freedom fighters who have none to lock after them. (Dependents of deceased freedom fighters pensioners are not entitled for this benefit.)

(e) Facility of telephone concection, subject to feasibility without installation charges and payment of only half of the rentals.

Some of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also provided the benefits of pension and certain other facilities to the freedom fighters and their dependents as per the criteria adopted by them, which differ from State to State.

Lodging False Cases by Delhi Police

3534. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to the USQ.No.50 on July 10, 1996 and state;

(a) whether the Government have received the judgement of the court;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon so far;

(c) if not, the date and details of action taken to get the judgement of the court;

(d) whether the Government have received more complaints against that SHO;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). yes, Sir. It has been decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the then Station House Officer (S.H.O.), Seemapuri and the Investigating Officer of the case.

(d) to (f). Two complaints were received against the said officer during the period he remained posted as Station House Officer (S.H.O.) in Delhi. These were examined but the allegations made in both these complaints were found to be not substantiated.

[English]

Afforestation

3535. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount given to Sikkim for afforestation and land use schemes under Centrally Sponsored Schemes during each of the last three years and 1996-97;

(b) the total area covered by such Centrally Sponsored afforestation schemes.

(c) whether a Central team ever visited the areas where such Schemes were carried out;